

Minutes of Pot Creek System  
4:00 p.m., February 27, 1974  
Uintah County Courthouse  
Vernal, Utah

A meeting was held with the Pot Creek water users concerning the distribution of the Pot Creek System in both Utah and Colorado. Those in attendance were:

Donald Norseth, Ut. Div. Water Rights	Chuck Lile, Colo Div. Water Resources
Robert F. Guy, Ut. Div. Water Rights	Wesley Signs, Colo. Div. WaterResources
John Bene, Ut. Deputy State Engineer	Loren L. Swick, Colo, Div. Water Resources
Dee C. Hansen, Ut. State Engineer	Bill Mattern, Colo, Div. Water Resources
Gary Cupp, Ut. Div. Water Rights	Allen Bennion, Water User
Udell Gardiner, Pot Creek Commissioner	C. W. McCoy, Water User
Tess Calder, Water User	Don Walker, Water User
Zelph S. Calder, Water User	Bill Karren, Water User

Robert F. Guy, Chairman, conducted the meeting.

Mr. Guy opened the meeting and reported that last year was a very good water year on pot creek.

Minutes of 1973 meeting was read. Minutes were approved as read without corrections.

The financial report was presented by John Bene.

Commissioner, Udell Gardiner stated that his bill was for \$225.00 instead of \$300.00 which was budgeted. He also stated that he had been paid. This shows a bank reserve of \$199.67. Bill Karren moved that the financial report be accepted as is. Zelph Calder seconded and motion carried.

The commissioner reported that two measuring devices were put in. One was installed below Crouse Reservoir and one installed above Browns Park. We can now measure water going from the Crouse Reservoir to Colorado. October, November & December were left out of the report because of small amount of water in Pot creek. He also reported that last year was the best water year ever had on Pot Creek. An agreement on storage was worked out between Colorado and the Utah Fish & Game which satisfied both parties. Mr. Calder and Larry Wilson also had an agreement and as a result about 160 ac.-ft. of water went into Colorado. Zelph Calder's upper reservoir is near empty and the Crouse Reservoir is near full. The Crouse reservoir was spilling until about July 15, 1973. Zelph Calder fulfilled his commitments and the Utah Fish & Game fulfilled their commitments to Colorado. Excess water was turned down the creek in early summer to sweeten water holes. This year does not look like a good water year, the commissioner reported.

Bill Karren said he thought Mr. Gardiner had done a good job.

The commissioner added that U.S.G.S. reports of upper and lower flow of Pot Creek were in the report. He said we need early access to the gages and report to meet commitment to Colorado.

Colorado said they would cooperate on reading the gages if the State Engineer's Office would keep check on the upper gage to be sure A-35 recorder is in. Colorado would like to work on gage reading and control of Pot Creek with Utah. They have a hydrologist they could send over to help.

Bill Karren moved to accept commissioner's Report. Zelf Calder seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Guy introduced Dee Hansen (Utah State Engineer) and his staff, and Colorado's water personnel.

Zelf Calder nominated Udell Gardiner for Commissioner. Bill Karren seconded, and motion carried.

A letter from Provo River Water User's Association to get financial backing for Utah Water User's Assn. to fight bad legislation was read. Don Norseth said Provo River User's put in \$1,000.00 and most other systems have contributed. They want 5% of budget. Bill Karren said he thought this would be of no benefit to Pot Creek. This expressed the views of others in attendance.

Dee Hansen said that Colorado and Utah had not had a memorandum of understanding signed on Pot Creek since 1956. Colorado feels there should be some changes made. Robert Guy will inform Utah of proposed changes. No action will be taken until everyone involved has been informed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.